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Senate Environmental Quality Committee
and
House Natural Resources Environment Committee

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In 1994 the residents of Lake Peigneur unsuccessfully attempted to stop the development of natural gas storage caverns in the Jefferson Island Salt Dome. I worked with the residents and Twin Parish Port Commission to reverse the outcome of the permit approval.

Two years ago following scrupulous research, Save Lake Peigneur Inc.'s engineer Steven Langlinais and LAWCO's hydrologist and general manager, Jim Brugh presented new data: the withdrawal of water from the Chicot Aquifer to create new natural gas storage caverns at the Jefferson Island Salt Dome would result in contamination of the Chicot Aquifer.

My position remains steadfast particularly in view of the new data. Although, natural gas storage within a close proximity of residents is objectionable the risk of contamination of the drinking water for most of Acadiana to create natural gas storage is completely unacceptable. Protecting our drinking water is paramount, and no permit should be approved with numerous issues in question, particularly the risk to the Chicot Aquifer.

I hereby submit my request to deny the permit of the Jefferson Island Storage & Hub Expansion for Natural Gas Storage.

Yours very truly,

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